Mr. N. Ramamurti: *(a)* Yes.

(b) No.

(c) The reduction was made on 10-11-1121 as it was found difficult to operate all trips with one bus.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: May I know the number of trips now undertaken?

Mr. N. Ramamurti: Five.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: Is it not possible to introduce another shuttle service?

Mr. N. Ramamurti: Yes, Sir. We are proposing to increase the number of trips.

Bus service in the Kottayam Division.

77. ***Mr. A. N. Satyanesan:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) why the State Transport does not commence service on important routes in the Kottayam Division; and

(b) to whom has been given the monopoly of all bus service routes in the Division; and

(c) how long it is since the monopoly was granted?

Mr. N. Ramamurti: *(a)* Due to want of additional vehicles.

(b) To none.

(c) Does not arise in view to answer to part (b).

State Transport Advisory Committee.

78. ***Mr. Paul A. Thaliath:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether any recommendation has been received from the State Transport Advisory Committee suggesting to conduct express services between Quilon-Aroor and Kottayam-Vaikom; and

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, whether the recommendation has been accepted.

Mr. N. Ramamurti: *(a)* No. But in respect of Kottayam-Vaikom route a recommendation has been received.

(b) The matter is receiving attention.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: Is it not possible to consider the question of introducing express service between Quilon and Aroor in the general scheme?

Mr. N. Ramamurti: Not at the present moment.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: May I know when the Kottayam-Vaikom line will be taken?

Mr. N. Ramamurti: Very shortly, I hope Sir.

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker: May I know whether one of the reasons for the recommendation was the heavy overcrowding on private buses in that line?

Mr. N. Ramamurti: Yes, Sir.

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